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TITLE: Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 11-18 for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Hunting Seasons.

DESCRIPTION: The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission orders 11-18 (tree squirrel, cottontail rabbit, predatory and furbearing mammals, other mammals and birds, pheasant, quail, chukar partridge, and blue grouse) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, and open areas.

DATE: March 21, 2006

The Department received little comment on the proposal to set seasons for Commission orders 11-18 for a two year period at the April 22, 2006 Commission meeting. The Department did receive the following comments regarding the overall small game seasons.

1. *I support the two year time frame for season setting on small game.*

Thank you.

2. *Small game populations fluctuate widely between years and seasons should not be set for a two year time frame.*

Although small game populations (e.g., quail, tree squirrels, rabbits) fluctuate widely between years in response to environmental conditions, changes to regulations regarding hunting of small game is not necessary to limit harvest. Seasons for most of these species have remained fairly standard for the past thirty years. Hunter behavior and harvest reflect changes in availability of small game populations and the Commission has rarely changed regulation in response to these changes. The Department does not recommend any change to proposed two year season structure in response to this comment.

3. *Small game seasons should be closed during big game seasons.*

Small game seasons overlap all big game seasons. Hunter density during big game hunts is currently lower than what they had been in the mid 1980s, and hunter crowding issues are not common. Some instances of hunter interference do occur, but many hunters have expressed the opinion that they enjoy the ability to hunt multiple species (including quail, squirrels, and

cottontails) during their big game season. In addition, there are many hunters that only hunt small game. Closing small game seasons during an overlapping big game season would create unmanageable regulation complexity and would result in the loss of as much as four months (September – December) of small game hunting opportunity. Because overlapping seasons do not create any biological issues, the Department recommends that small game seasons remain open during any overlapping big game season.

Commission Order 11: Tree Squirrel

No changes are recommended from the previous year.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING SMALL GAME (including tree squirrel)

1. *Extend the tree squirrel season through the end of the calendar year.*

Department personnel considered this option for the upcoming 2006/2007 hunting season. Given current drought conditions, and low density and recruitment of squirrels in portions of the state, this item was deferred for the time being. While this proposal will likely have little impact on overall squirrel harvest or populations, it is difficult to justify a significant season extension given current (and apparently worsening) environmental conditions. Additional mortality in some areas where squirrel densities are currently very low may slow population increases during a return to more favorable conditions. This proposal will be evaluated again in 2007 if habitat conditions and squirrel abundance improve.

Commission Order 12: Cottontail Rabbit

No changes are recommended from the previous year.

Commission Order 13: Predatory and Furbearing Mammals

No changes are recommended from the previous year.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PREDATORY AND FURBEARING MAMMALS

1. *Increase the harvest of coyotes and predators.*

The current hunt structure for coyotes is as liberal as possible; open year-round, statewide, and with no bag limit. In addition, under the Commission's Predation Management Policy, the Department will consider implementing additional predation management actions in areas where pronghorn populations have fallen below guidelines.

2. *Ban the hunting of coyotes.*

Coyotes are quite abundant in Arizona. The Commission's Predation Management Policy, created in a public forum, states "...coyotes will be managed to ensure their future ecological, intrinsic, scientific, educational, and recreational values, to minimize conflicts with humans, and to minimize adverse impacts on other wildlife populations." The current management of coyotes reduces some of the negative impacts of high coyote populations through hunting without jeopardizing the coyotes place as a predator within the native ecosystems.

Commission Order 14: Other Birds and Mammals

No changes are recommended from the previous year.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PRAIRIE DOG

1. *Prairie dogs should not be hunted to further the recovery of reintroduced black-footed ferrets. There has been a lot of illegal activity (e.g., shooting from roads, shooting among livestock) and a greater enforcement presence is needed.*

Black-footed ferrets were introduced under Section 10J of the Endangered Species Act (non-essential experimental). The Department monitors prairie dog numbers, distribution, and shooting as per the cooperative black-footed ferret reintroduction plan with the USFWS. The Department has monitored prairie dog abundance using the same methodology and transects within the reintroduction area since 1990, and no shooting related declines have been documented. Black-footed ferrets during the same time period have increased. The 2005 count of individuals and litters was the highest recorded for this reintroduced population. In regard to extra enforcement and illegal activities, the Department is fully staffed. A Wildlife Manager's (Game Warden) time is prioritized via district level and statewide planning processes, and as much time as can be allocated to patrol occurs. The Department also relies on citizens using the OGT program to report violation and habitat damage. Reports of illegal activity involving prairie dog hunters are minimal.

2. *Protect the Gunnison's prairie dog. It should not be hunted.*

Like many other wildlife species in Arizona, Gunnison's prairie dogs are managed to allow for multiple use. Department management includes monitoring, translocations to restore sub-populations following sylvatic plague die-offs, and allowance for harvest. There are no data that suggest shooting of the Gunnison's prairie dog is suppressing this species' abundance. Seasons are currently designed to protect females and dependent young during the period young are born and dependent young are present (April 1 – June 15).

Commission Order 15: Pheasant

1. *Little cover is available during the last two pheasant hunts in Yuma. In addition, it is usually too hot during this time period to hunt pheasants with bird dogs.*

The Department is recommending a change to the existing shotgun shooting shot pheasant season in the agricultural areas near Yuma to address comments gathered from questionnaires sent to all participants following their hunt. Hunters during the first three hunts (including the youth hunt) enjoy good hunt success because ample hiding cover exists for pheasants at this time. This allows for a closer approach of these birds. However, the last two hunts have typically occurred during a period when local farmers have disked under summer grain crops in preparation for winter vegetables. Shifting the last two hunts to later dates will ensure cover is present during these hunts and will address other hunter concerns regarding high temperature impacts to bird dogs. This shift will likely increase hunt success and hunter satisfaction with no negative impacts to the pheasant population.

Commission Order 16: Quail

No changes are recommended from the previous year.

Commission Order 17: Chukar

No changes are recommended from the previous year.

Commission Order 18: Blue Grouse

No changes are recommended from the previous year.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDERS 11-18 AS PROPOSED.**

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Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 11: Tree Squirrel

General Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 13 - Nov 26, 2006	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Unit 11M)	Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 13 - Nov 26, 2006	(2)	11M	Any tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Archery-Only Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 12A and 13A)	Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel
Sep 15 - Sep 28, 2006	(1)	12A and 13A	Any tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
2. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.

TREE SQUIRREL BAG LIMIT: Five (5) tree squirrels per day.

TREE SQUIRREL POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) tree squirrels of which no more than five (5) may be taken in any one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 12: Cottontail Rabbit

General Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(1,5,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Any cottontail rabbit
Sep 1, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(2)	Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges	Any cottontail rabbit
Oct 13, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(2)	Kofa National Wildlife Refuge	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. The use of rifled firearms is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,4,5,6,7)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3)	11M	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
2. National Wildlife Refuges are open to cottontail rabbit hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations. The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs .
3. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
4. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
5. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
7. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
8. Entry into portions of units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) cottontail rabbits per day.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) cottontail rabbits of which no more than ten (10) may be taken in any one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 13: Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

General Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(1,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Coyote and skunks
Apr 1 - May 31, 2007	(2)	Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge	Coyote and skunks
Oct 13, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(2)	Kofa and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges	Coyote and foxes
Aug 1, 2006 - Mar 31, 2007	(1,3,4,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(5,6,8,9,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Coyote and skunks
Aug 1, 2006 - Mar 31, 2007	(3,4,5,6,8,9,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, and traps as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, and R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(5)	11M	Coyote and skunks
Aug 1, 2006 - Mar 31, 2007	(3,4,5)	11M	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, and traps as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-307, and R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Pursuit-Only Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1 - Jul 31, 2006 and Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2007	(7,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Raccoon

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: An individual participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons but shall not kill or capture the quarry as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
2. The Buenos Aires, Kofa, and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges are open to predatory and fur-bearing mammal hunting. A refuge permit may be required; contact the individual refuges for their regulations (see Index: Hunting on Public Lands).
3. Any raw bobcat pelt sold or exported must have attached permit tag in accordance with R12-4-305.
4. Raccoon may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light; however the light may not be attached to or operated from a vehicle.
5. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
6. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
7. A person participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons, but shall not kill or capture the quarry, pursuant to R12-4-318.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
9. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
10. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
11. Entry into portions of units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.

PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS BAG LIMIT: Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season, an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.

PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season, an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 14: Other Birds & Mammals

General Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(1,5,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Sep 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,5,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Crow
Sep 1, 2006 - Mar 31, 2007	(5,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Coati
Jul 1, 2006 - Mar 31, 2007 and Jun 16 - Jun 30, 2007	(5,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Gunnison's prairie dog
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(1,2,5,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,4,5,6,7)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,4,5,6,7)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3)	11M	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3)	11M	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
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LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-303, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

- 1 . The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
- 2 . Other mammals may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light as prescribed in R12-4-304E. No firearms may be used at night.
- 3 . Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
- 4 . Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
- 5 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- 6 . Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
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OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS BAG LIMIT: Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year. House (English) sparrows, European starlings and mammals of the Orders Rodentia (except beaver, black-tailed prairie dog, muskrat, porcupine or tree squirrel) and Insectivora may be taken alive and held in captivity pursuant to R12-4-404.

OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 15: Pheasant

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Sep 29 - Oct 1, 2006	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	30	0
	Oct 6 - Oct 8, 2006	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	30	0
	Nov 17 - Nov 19, 2006	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	30	0
	Nov 24 - Nov 26, 2006	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	30	0
				Total	120	0

WHEN APPLYING FOR HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F, G, or H license plus Pheasant hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.

Juniors-Only Limited Weapon Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Sep 22 - Sep 24, 2006	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any pheasant	30	0
				Total	30	0

WHEN APPLYING FOR HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F, G, or H license plus Pheasant hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday.

JUNIORS-ONLY LIMITED WEAPON SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.

Archery-Only Pheasant

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 13, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(2)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any pheasant

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F, G, or H license.

PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants per day.

PHEASANT POSSESSION LIMIT: Four (4) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.

Falconry-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 13, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(2)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any pheasant

Falconry-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.			
LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F, G, or H license plus Sport Falconry License as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.			
PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants per day.			
PHEASANT POSSESSION LIMIT: Four (4) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.			

Notes:

- 1 . Hunt applications for Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant seasons are accepted on or after July 8, 2005. Submitting your application before this date will result in your application being rejected.
- 2 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 16: Quail

General Quail

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 13, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(1,3,4,5,6)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Gambel's, Scaled and California quail
Oct 13, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(2)	Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges	Gambel's, Scaled and California quail
Nov 24, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(3,4,5,6)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Mearns' quail

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

GENERAL QUAIL BAG LIMIT: Fifteen (15) quail per day in the aggregate of which no more than eight (8) may be Mearns' quail.

GENERAL QUAIL POSSESSION LIMIT: Thirty (30) quail in the aggregate after opening day of which no more than fifteen (15) Gambel's, Scaled, or California quail in the aggregate may be taken in any one day. After Nov. 18, the 30 quail possession limit may include Mearns' quail of which no more than eight (8) may be taken in any one day.

GENERAL QUAIL SPECIAL NOTE: Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.

Falconry-Only Quail

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 1 - Oct 12, 2006	(3,6)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Any quail
Jul 1, 2006 - Mar 31, 2007	(3,4,5)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any quail

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license plus Sport Falconry License as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL BAG LIMIT: Three (3) quail per day.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) quail of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL SPECIAL NOTE: Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
2. National Wildlife Refuges are open to quail hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations. The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs.
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
4. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
5. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
6. Entry into portions of units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 17: Chukar Partridge

General Chukar Partridge

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 15, 2006 - Feb 12, 2007	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any chukar

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE BAG LIMIT: Five (5) chukar per day.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) chukar of which no more than five (5) may be taken in one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 18: Blue Grouse

General Blue Grouse

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 15 - Nov 26, 2006	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Blue grouse

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BLUE GROUSE BAG LIMIT: Three (3) blue grouse per day.

BLUE GROUSE POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) blue grouse of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

ARIZONA HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM: As required by R12-4-203, blue grouse hunters shall have in their possession an Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp which will validate their license for the federal Harvest Information Program. The Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp may be obtained, for a cost of \$3.00 on or after July 1 of each year, from any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 11: Tree Squirrel

General Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 12 - Nov 25, 2007	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Unit	Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 12 - Nov 25, 2007	(2)	11M	Any tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Archery-Only Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Aug 30 - Oct 4, 2007	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 12A and 13A)	Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel
Sep 14 - Sep 27, 2007	(1)	12A and 13A	Any tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

- 1 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- 2 . Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.

TREE SQUIRREL BAG LIMIT: Five (5) tree squirrels per day.

TREE SQUIRREL POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) tree squirrels of which no more than five (5) may be taken in any one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 12: Cottontail Rabbit

General Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(1,5)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Any cottontail rabbit
Sep 1, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(2)	Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges	Any cottontail rabbit
Oct 12, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(2)	Kofa National Wildlife Refuge	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. The use of rifled firearms is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,4,5,6,7)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	11M	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928)328-2148.
2. National Wildlife Refuges are open to cottontail rabbit hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations. The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs .
3. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
4. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
5. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
7. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) cottontail rabbits per day.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) cottontail rabbits of which no more than ten (10) may be taken in any one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 13: Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

General Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(1,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Coyote and skunks
Apr 1 - May 31, 2008	(2)	Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge	Coyote and skunks
Oct 12, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(2)	Kofa and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges	Coyote and foxes
Aug 1, 2007 - Mar 31, 2008	(1,3,4,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(5,6,8,9,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Coyote and skunks
Aug 1, 2007 - Mar 31, 2008	(3,4,5,6,8,9,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, and traps as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, and R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(5)	11M	Coyote and skunks
Aug 1, 2007 - Mar 31, 2008	(3,4,5)	11M	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, and traps as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-307, and

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Pursuit-Only Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1 - Jul 31, 2007 and Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2008	(7,8)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Raccoon

LAWFUL TAKING METHOD: An individual participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons but shall not kill or capture the quarry as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

- 1 . The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
- 2 . The Buenos Aires, Kofa, and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges are open to predatory and fur-bearing mammal hunting. A refuge permit may be required; contact the individual refuges for their regulations (see Index: Hunting on Public Lands).
- 3 . Any raw bobcat pelt sold or exported must have attached permit tag in accordance with R12-4-305.
- 4 . Raccoon may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light; however the light may not be attached to or operated from a vehicle.
- 5 . Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
- 6 . Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
- 7 . A person participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons, but shall not kill or capture the quarry, pursuant to R12-4-318.
- 8 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- 9 . Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
- 10 . Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.

PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS BAG LIMIT: Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season, an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.

PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season, an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 14: Other Birds & Mammals

General Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(1,5)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Sep 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,5)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Crow
Sep 1, 2007 - Mar 31, 2008	(5)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Coati
Jul 1, 2007 - Mar 31, 2008 and Jun 16 - Jun 30, 2008	(5)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Gunnison's prairie dog
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(1,2,5)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,4,5,6,7)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,4,5,6,7)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	11M	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	11M	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

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LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-303, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

- 1 . The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
- 2 . Other mammals may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light as prescribed in R12-4-304E. No firearms may be used at night.
- 3 . Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
- 4 . Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
- 5 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- 6 . Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
- 7 . Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.

OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS BAG LIMIT: Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year. House (English) sparrows, European starlings and mammals of the Orders Rodentia (except beaver, black-tailed prairie dog, muskrat, porcupine or tree squirrel) and Insectivora may be taken alive and held in captivity pursuant to R12-4-404.

OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 15: Pheasant

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Sep 28 – Sep 30, 2007	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	30
	Oct 5 - Oct 7, 2007	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	30
	Nov 16 - Nov 18, 2007	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	30
	Nov 23 - Nov 25, 2007	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	30
				Total	120

WHEN APPLYING FOR HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F, G, or H license plus Pheasant hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.

Juniors-Only Limited Weapon Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Sep 21 - Sep 23, 2007	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any pheasant	30
				Total	30

WHEN APPLYING FOR HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F, G, or H license plus Pheasant hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday.

JUNIORS-ONLY LIMITED WEAPON SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.

Archery-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 12, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(2)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any pheasant

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F, G, or H license.

PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants per day.

PHEASANT POSSESSION LIMIT: Four (4) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.

Falconry-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 12, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(2)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any pheasant

PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants per day.

PHEASANT POSSESSION LIMIT: Four (4) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.

Notes:

- 1 . Hunt applications for Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant seasons are accepted on or after July 8, 2005. Submitting your application before this date will result in your application being rejected.
- 2 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 16: Quail

General Quail

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 12, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(1,3,4,5)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Gambel's, Scaled and California quail
Oct 12, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(2)	Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges	Gambel's, Scaled and California quail
Nov 23, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(3,4,5)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Mearns' quail

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

GENERAL QUAIL BAG LIMIT: Fifteen (15) quail per day in the aggregate of which no more than eight (8) may be Mearns' quail.

GENERAL QUAIL POSSESSION LIMIT: Thirty (30) quail in the aggregate after opening day of which no more than fifteen (15) Gambel's, Scaled, or California quail in the aggregate may be taken in any one day. After Nov. 18, the 30 quail possession limit may include Mearns' quail of which no more than eight (8) may be taken in any one day.

GENERAL QUAIL SPECIAL NOTE: Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.

Falconry-Only Quail

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 1, 2007 - Oct 11, 2007	(3)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Any quail
Jul 1, 2007 - Mar 31, 2008	(3,4,5)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any quail

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license plus Sport Falconry License as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL BAG LIMIT: Three (3) quail per day.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) quail of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL SPECIAL NOTE: Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.

Notes:

- 1 . The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
- 2 . National Wildlife Refuges are open to quail hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations. The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs.
- 3 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- 4 . Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
- 5 . Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 17: Chukar Partridge

General Chukar Partridge

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 14, 2007 - Feb 11, 2008	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any chukar

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

- 1 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE BAG LIMIT: Five (5) chukar per day.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) chukar of which no more than five (5) may be taken in one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 18: Blue Grouse

General Blue Grouse

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 14 - Nov 25, 2007	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Blue grouse

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F, G, or H license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

- 1 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BLUE GROUSE BAG LIMIT: Three (3) blue grouse per day.

BLUE GROUSE POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) blue grouse of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

ARIZONA HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM: As required by R12-4-203, blue grouse hunters shall have in their possession an Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp which will validate their license for the federal Harvest Information Program. The Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp may be obtained, for a cost of \$3.00 on or after July 1 of each year, from any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or wherever hunting licenses are sold.